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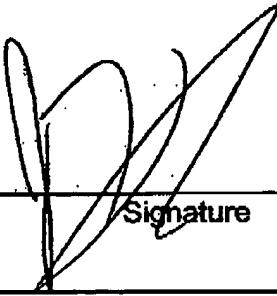
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 9, 2006, applicants submit this Amendment. This Amendment is intended to replace applicants' Amendment dated March 20, 2006, which was filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2005. In the present Amendment, the markings of the claims have been modified to correct certain typographical errors in the claim markings, as pointed out by the Examiner. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

a Listing of the Claims begins on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 6.